

TO THE PARLAMENT, 233

The humble PROPOSAL of S^t Balthazar Gerbier K^t,
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Concerning the representing, in Oil, Pictures of all the memorable Atchievements
since the PARLAMENT first sitting.



Whereas it hath been practised, in the PARLAMENT, to
pose such objects unto the peoples view, whereby the me-
morable acts of their general welfare, and those of their deli-
verances from some eminent danger may be extant, and the
which was observed in one particular by Queen Elizabeth,
when as shee caused a suit of Tapestry-hangings to be made,
representing the Spaniards Invasion in 88, in the borders of

which Hangings the Portraitures of the chief Commanders of her Armie, and
Fleet, were placed.

So likewise is it conceived, that it would be very fit to have all the most remark-
able Battails, and the most considerable Sieges of Towns, which have hapned as
well in England, Ireland, as in Scotland, to be painted, and to beset the same with the
Portraitures of such Generals, and Commanders, as have, during the PARLAMENT's
sitting, fought the said Battails, and gained the said Towns in England, Scotland and
Ireland, and to place those pictures in the great Room, and in the other Rooms, and
Galleries at White-Hall, for the satisfaction of the present time, as also for posteritie,
and for an encouragement to all such as are in Autoritie and in Command.

And as the great Room at White-Hall is very spacious, and will contain several pic-
tures of the like representations, so might there also be placed therein the representa-
tion of the whole Assemblies of the PARLAMENT, by which the whole the said great
Atchievements have been wrought. The said representation of the whole Assemblie
in one large piece to be placed at the upper end of the great Room, formerly called
the Banqueting-house, as also the Portraitures of the several Members of the Council
of State in another great piece, to be placed at the other end of the said great Room,
both of them being adorned with a compartment answerable to the saying in the
85 Psalm, ver. 11. viz.

Truth shall spring out of the Earth, and Righteousness shall look down from Hea-
ven, &c.

All which may be most compleatly performed by choice Artists, expert both in
the representing of Personages, Battails and Land-skips.

The PARLAMENT being pleased to resolv that each Member of the same (together
with those of the Council of State, the Lord General, such Land and Sea-Officers as
shall be portraited in the Life, in the said Representation) may respectively paie
for the making of the pictures, whereby the Artists will be the better enabled to
the speedy performance of this work, and the State will also be taken off from the
greater part of the charges, as the same may be more particularly demonstrated unto
the PARLAMENT shall think fit to appoint for the regulation of the same.